Summary: The Thirteen English Colonies

[Note: Locate colonies in last column by **REGION**... **NE** (New England), **M** (Middle), and **S** (Southern).]

COLONY	YEAR	FOUNDED BY	REASON FOUNDED	REGION
VIRGINIA (Jamestown)	1607	Virginia Company (Led by: John Smith)	Economic opportunity	S
Plymouth (MA)	1620	Pilgrims (Led by: William Bradford)	Religious freedom	NE
MASSACHUSETTS (Massachusetts Bay)	1630	Puritans (Led by: John Winthrop)	Religious freedom	NE
MARYLAND	1634	Lord Baltimore	Religious freedom	S
CONNECTICUT	1636	Thomas Hooker	Religious and political freedom	NE
RHODE ISLAND	1636	Roger Williams	Religious and political freedom	NE
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1638	John Wheelwright	Economic opportunity (Trading and fishing)	NE
NEW YORK	1664	Duke of York	Trading and religious freedom	М
NEW JERSEY	1664	Lord Berkley Sir George Carteret	Farming, trading and religious freedom	M
PENNSYLVANIA	1682	William Penn	Religious and political freedom	М
DELAWARE	1701	William Penn	To set up a separate assembly (from PA)	М
NORTH CAROLINA	1712	Poor tobacco farmers from VA	Trading and farming	S
SOUTH CAROLINA	1719	Eight English nobles	Trading and farming	S
GEORGIA	1732	James Oglethorpe	Home for English debtors	S